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INITIAL SESSION, JUNE 23-27

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SUMMARY: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN HANNAH MET FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 20, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR INITIAL SESSION, JUNE 23-27. END SUMMARY

1. MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10:30 A.M. MONDAY, JUNE 23 IN FAO PLENARY HALL. MORNING MEETINGS THEREAFTER WILL BEGIN AT 9:30 A.M.

2. ALTHOUGH CANADIAN AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTION ABOUT PROPRIETY OF SECOND-LEVEL OFFICIALS ELECTING MONDAY OFFICIALS TO PRESIDE OVER MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS LATER IN WEEK, GROUP CHAIRMEN INDICATED THEY EXPECT TO AGREE ON OFFICERS AND WOULD PREFER TO ELECT ENTIRE SLATE AT OUTSET, IF POSSIBLE.

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DR. HANNAH STRESSED NEED TO ELECT AT LEAST CHAIRMAN AND

RAPPORTEUR.

3. DR. HANNAH SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT SOME CHANGES MAY BE PROPOSED TO DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE, AND SUGGESTED THAT IF THESE QUESTIONS PROVE UNLIKELY TO BE DISPOSED OF QUICKLY THEY BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

4. DR. HANNAH HOPES THAT ON MONDAY AFTERNOON AND TUESDAY, CONFERENCE WILL GO OVER AGENDA ITEMS 5, 6, AND 7 TO PREPARE FOR MORE DEFINITIVE DISCUSSION BY MINISTERS WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. THERE WAS PROLONGED AND INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF RELATION BETWEEN PRELIMINARY MEETINGS JUNE 22-24 AND MINISTERIAL LEVEL JUNE 25-27.

5. DR. HANNAH AGAIN EMPHASIZED NEED TO AVOID GENERAL STATEMENTS, WHICH COULD USE UP ALL THE TIME INCONCLUSIVELY. VOLPE

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